

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2003-368-S - ORDER NO. 2004-188
APRIL 12, 2004

IN RE: Application of Madera Utilities, Inc. for Approval) ORDER GRANTING
of an Increase in its Sewer Rates and Charges) EXTENSION TO
) PREFILE
) TESTIMONY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of Madera Utilities, Inc. ("Madera" or the "Company") for an extension of time in which to prefile the testimony and exhibits of one of the Company's witnesses regarding Madera's financial status on its Application for an increase in rates and charges for the Company's sewer service. As set forth in Commission Order No. 2004-169 (Order Establishing Prefiling Deadlines), issued March 31, 2004, Madera was scheduled to prefile the Company's testimony and exhibits on or before April 1, 2004.

Madera timely filed the direct testimony of two of the Company's witnesses. With the filing of this testimony, counsel for Madera submitted a letter advising that the Company intended to also provide testimony from Tracey Lee, C.P.A., concerning the financial status of Madera. According to Madera's counsel, Ms. Lee has been very busy during the tax season and consequently, Ms. Lee was unable to complete her direct testimony by the due date of April 1, 2004. Thereby, the Company's counsel requests a

seven (7) day extension to prefile the direct testimony and exhibits of the Company's witness, Tracey Lee, C.P.A.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission discerns no prejudice to any party in granting the requested extension and concludes that the request of Madera for an extension to file the direct testimony and exhibits of Tracey Lee, C.P.A. should be granted. We approve and grant Madera's request for an extension of time to prefile her direct testimony and exhibits. Accordingly, Madera shall prefile and serve Ms. Lee's direct testimony and exhibits on or before **April 8, 2004**. (Madera may file and serve the direct testimony and exhibits by mail on the indicated date.) We note that Ms. Lee's direct testimony and exhibits were filed with the Commission on April 8, 2004.

Furthermore, all other requirements set out by Order No. 2004-169 remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director

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